

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A recording medium playback device comprising:
- a recording medium accommodation unit for accommodating a plurality of recording mediums in a stacked array;
- 5 a carriage chassis having at least a pickup, a turntable and a pickup moving means, said pickup moving means being adapted to move said pickup in the direction of playing back the recording medium;
- a moving means for moving said carriage chassis from a standby position to a position between the recording mediums accommodated in said recording medium accommodation unit to play back the recording medium; and
- 10 a recording medium loading means for loading the recording medium inserted from outside into said recording medium accommodation unit; wherein
- 15 when said carriage chassis is in the standby position, said pickup is situated on a vertical tangential plane which is tangent to an outer circumferential edge of the recording medium on said carriage chassis side at a point where the outer circumferential edge is intersected by a loading center line
- 20 of the recording medium when the recording medium is completely loaded in said recording medium accommodation unit by said recording medium loading means.

2. The recording medium playback device according to claim 1, wherein

said pickup moving means has a feed screw mechanism to move said pickup in a recording medium playback direction, and

5 said feed screw mechanism is provided on the underside of said pickup.

3. The recording medium playback device according to any one of claims 1 and 2, wherein

10 said pickup moving means has a guide means to guide said pickup in the recording medium playback direction, and

said guide means is provided on the underside of said pickup.

15 4. The recording medium playback device according to claim 1, wherein

when said carriage chassis is in the standby position, said pickup on said carriage chassis is at a position not on the loading center of the recording medium accommodated in said
20 recording medium accommodation unit.

5. The recording medium playback device according to any one of claims 2 to 4, wherein

25 a width of a part of said carriage chassis in the recording medium loading direction is smaller than a width of

said pickup in the recording medium loading direction, and

a part of the recording medium accommodated in said recording medium accommodation unit is situated in an area formed by setting the width of a part of said carriage chassis smaller than the width of said pickup.

6. A recording medium playback device comprising:

a recording medium accommodation unit for accommodating a plurality of recording mediums in a stacked array;

a carriage chassis having at least a pickup, a turntable and a pickup moving means, said pickup moving means being adapted to move said pickup in the direction of playing back the recording medium;

a moving means for moving said carriage chassis from a standby position to a position between the recording mediums accommodated in said recording medium accommodation unit to play back the recording medium; and

a recording medium loading means for loading the recording medium inserted from outside into said recording medium accommodation unit; wherein

when said carriage chassis is in the standby position, said turntable is situated on a vertical tangential plane which is tangent to an outer circumferential edge of the recording medium on said carriage chassis side at a point where the outer circumferential edge is intersected by a loading center line

of the recording medium where the recording medium is completely loaded in said recording medium accommodation unit by said recording medium loading means.

5 7. A recording medium playback device comprising:
a recording medium accommodation unit for accommodating a plurality of recording mediums in a stacked array;

10 a carriage chassis having at least a pickup, a turntable and a pickup moving means, said pickup moving means being adapted to move said pickup in the direction of playing back the recording medium;

15 a moving means for moving said carriage chassis to a position between the recording mediums accommodated in said recording medium accommodation unit to play back the recording medium;

a recording medium loading means for loading the recording medium inserted from outside into said recording medium accommodation unit; and

20 a stopper portion for abutting against an outer circumferential edge of the recording medium loaded by said recording medium loading means; wherein

said stopper portion is provided in said carriage chassis and is located at a position spaced from a loading center line of the recording medium accommodated in said recording medium accommodation unit.

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